

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 6, 2002. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks are courteously requested.

Claims 8-26 and 28-39 are currently pending in this application, with claims 8 and 39 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 8-13, 17-26, 28-29, 30-31, 33-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent 6,091,881 issued to Kamikubota in view of U.S. Patent 5,528,285 issued to Morikawa et al. (Morikawa).

Claims 8-17, 21-26, 28-32, 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as allegedly being obvious over Ishikawa (Japan Publication No. 06-311467) in further view of Morikawa.

These rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Within claim 8, the operation system is incorporated within the printer housing portion and a display device is incorporated

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within the camera. The operation system controls the camera to select an image for exhibition on the display device as a displayed image. The operation system controls the printer mechanism to output a physical reproduction of the displayed image.

Within previous claim 9, now newly added claim 39, the operation system is incorporated within the video printer housing portion. The operation system controls selection of the image displayed on the display device and controls operation of the printer mechanism. Claim 39 has been previously examined on the merits as previous claim 9.

If by chance that the allowance of at least the claim 39 is not forthcoming in favor of a new grounds of rejection, then a **new non-final Office Action** is respectfully requested.

Figure 38 of Morikawa arguably teaches camera 2100 having display device 103 incorporated therein (figure 36), and an operation system 2155 incorporated within printer housing portion 2150.

Nevertheless, Morikawa fails to disclose, teach or suggest the operation system 2155 as controls the camera 2100 to select the image for exhibition on the display device 103. Instead, the

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operation system 2155 is arguably used to selectively instruct various processes in the printer housing portion 2150.

Kamikubota arguably teaches camera 31 and display device 33 (figure 3). Moreover, Kamikubota arguably teaches an operation system 104, 120 and a printer mechanism 108 within printer housing portion 50/80.

However, Kamikubota fails to disclose, teach or suggest camera 31 as having display device 33 incorporated therein. Instead, the camera 31 is separate and distinct from the display device 33.

In addition, Kamikubota fails to disclose, teach or suggest the operation system 104, 120 as controlling the camera 31, and fails to disclose, teach or suggest the operation system 104, 120 as controlling the camera 31 to select the image for exhibition on the display device 33.

Ishikawa arguably teaches a camera 12 and a printer 10. While Ishikawa arguably teaches display device 55 incorporated within camera 12, Ishikawa fails to disclose, teach or suggest an operation system that controls the camera 12 to select an image for exhibition on the display device 55. Although Ishikawa arguably teaches the existence of control unit 39, no selection

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of an image for exhibition on the display device 55 is performed by control section 39. Additionally, display device 49 is not incorporated within the camera 12. Withdrawal of these rejections and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

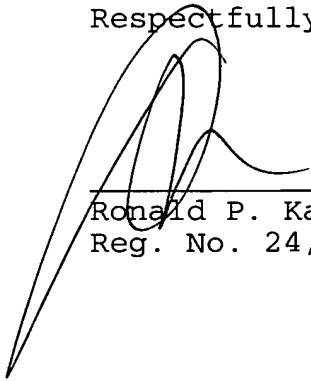
For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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APPENDIX

8. (amended) A ~~video~~-printer comprising:

a ~~video~~-printer housing portion, a printer mechanism and an operation system;

said ~~video~~-printer housing portion having a connector, said connector mechanically and electrically attaching a ~~video~~ camera to said ~~video~~-printer housing portion;

said ~~video~~ camera being removably connectable with said ~~video~~-printer housing portion, said ~~video~~ camera being adapted to operate separate and apart from said ~~video~~-printer, ~~said video camera having a display device being incorporated within said cameratherein;~~

said printer mechanism being incorporated within said ~~video~~ printer housing portion, ~~said printer mechanism outputting a physical reproduction of an image,~~ said image being captured by said ~~video~~ camera; and

said operation system being incorporated within said ~~video~~ ~~printer~~printer housing portion, said operation system controlling said camera to selection of said image for exhibition displayed on said display device as a displayed image ~~and controlling operation of,~~ said operation system controlling said printer mechanism to output a physical reproduction of said displayed image.

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9. (amended) A ~~video~~-printer according to claim 8, wherein said printer mechanism prints said displayed image on a printing paper as said physical reproduction of said displayed image~~a hard copy, said image being selected from a plurality of video pictures, said plurality of video pictures being recorded by said video camera as continuous motion images.~~

10. (amended) A ~~video~~-printer according to claim 8, wherein said operation system is used to select said image to be printed by said printer mechanism.

11. (amended) A ~~video~~-printer according to claim 8, wherein said display device includes a liquid crystal display.

12. (amended) A ~~video~~-printer according to claim 8, wherein said displayed image is displayed on said display device.

13. (amended) A ~~video~~-printer according to claim 12, wherein said displayed image ~~that is displayed on said display device~~ is controlled by said operation system.

14. (amended) A ~~video~~-printer according to claim 13, wherein said operation system includes a shuttle ring, said shuttle ring providing a control to fast-forward said displayed image ~~displayed on said display device~~ or to rewind said displayed

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~~image displayed on said display device.~~

15. (amended) A ~~video~~-printer according to claim 14, wherein said shuttle ring has a play button integrally disposed therein, said play button providing a control to play back said image displayed on said display device.

16. (amended) A ~~video~~-printer according to claim 15, wherein said play button has a stop button integrally disposed therein, said stop button providing a control to stop operation of said ~~video~~ camera.

17. (amended) A ~~video~~-printer according to claim 13, wherein said operation system includes a pause button, said pause button providing a control to place said displayed image ~~displayed on said display device~~ in a state of a still picture.

18. (amended) A ~~video~~-printer according to claim 13, wherein said operation system includes a first memory button, said first memory button providing a control to store said image displayed on said display device within a recordable medium of said ~~video~~ printer.

19. (amended) A ~~video~~ printer according to claim 13, wherein said operation system includes a second memory button, said

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second memory button providing a control to access said image that has been stored within a recordable medium of said ~~videe~~ printer.

20. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 13, wherein said operation system includes an input picture button, said input picture button providing a control to input ~~videe~~ data indicative of said image into a recordable medium of said ~~videe~~ printer.

21. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 8, wherein said connector includes a signal input/output terminal and a plurality of guide rails.

22. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 21, wherein said guide rails being structurally adapted for guiding said ~~videe~~ camera onto said ~~videe~~ printer housing portion.

23. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 21, wherein said signal input/output terminal includes at least one contact member, said contact member being in electrical contact with said ~~videe~~ camera to provide a signal between said ~~videe~~ printer and said ~~videe~~ camera.

24. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 21, wherein

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said signal input/output terminal includes at least one contact member, said contact member being in electrical contact with said ~~videe~~ camera to provide power between said ~~videe~~ printer and said ~~videe~~ camera.

25. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 8, wherein said printer mechanism outputs said physical reproduction of said image being on a paper medium.

26. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 8, wherein said operation system is disposed on said ~~videe~~ printer housing portion.

27. (canceled).

28. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 8, wherein said connector includes a locking mechanism, said locking mechanism releasably securing said ~~videe~~ camera to said ~~videe~~ printer housing portion.

29. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 8, wherein said ~~videe~~ printer housing portion includes a signal input and output connection terminal disposed on said ~~videe~~ printer housing portion, said signal input and output connection terminal electrically connecting said ~~videe~~ camera attached to said ~~videe~~

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printer housing portion to said printer mechanism.

30. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 29, wherein said ~~videe~~ printer housing portion has a pair of guide rails, said guide rails being formed at a portion of said ~~videe~~ printer housing portion to which said ~~videe~~ camera is attached, and said guide rails guide an electrode terminal disposed on a bottom surface of said ~~videe~~ camera to the position at which said electrode terminal comes in contact with said input and output connection terminal.

31. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 8, wherein said ~~videe~~ camera is of a ~~videe~~ camera with a liquid-crystal display monitor, and said ~~videe~~ printer is operated while said image entered into said printer mechanism or the manner in which said printer mechanism is operated is visually confirmed on said display device.

32. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 8, wherein said ~~videe~~ camera-operation system includes a shuttle ring for displaying on said display device in a play mode, pause mode, fast-forward mode or rewind mode a ~~videe~~ picture recorded as continuous motion images.

33. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 8, wherein

said operation system includes a memory operation means for storing ~~videe~~ data indicative of a ~~videe~~ picture selected from said plurality of ~~videe~~ pictures recorded as continuous motion images by said ~~videe~~ camera in a memory of said ~~videe~~ printer.

34. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 8, wherein said ~~videe~~ camera-operation system includes input operation means for entering ~~videe~~ data indicative of ~~videe~~ picture in a memory of said ~~videe~~ printer.

35. (amended) A ~~videe~~ printer according to claim 8, wherein said printer supports a ~~videe~~ camera operation switch and a printer operation switch.

Please add the following new claims.

36. (new) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said image is selected from a plurality of pictures, said plurality of pictures being recorded by said camera as continuous motion images.

37. (new) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said printer is a video printer.

38. (new) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said

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camera is a video camera.

39. (new, previous claim 9) A video printer comprising:
a video printer housing portion, a printer mechanism and an
operation system;

said video printer housing portion having a connector, said
connector being structurally adapted to mechanically and
electrically attach a video camera to said video printer housing
portion;

said video camera being removably connectable with said
video printer housing portion, said video camera being adapted to
operate separate and apart from said video printer, said video
camera having a display device incorporated therein;

said printer mechanism being incorporated within said video
printer housing portion, said printer mechanism outputting a
physical reproduction of an image, said image being captured by
said video camera; and

said operation system being incorporated within said video
printer housing portion, said operation system controlling
selection of said image displayed on said display device and
controlling operation of said printer mechanism,

wherein said printer mechanism prints said image on a
printing paper as a hard copy, said image being selected from a
plurality of video pictures, said plurality of video pictures
being recorded by said video camera as continuous motion images.

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